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CYBER CRIME
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is increasing incidents of cyber crimes in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) the preventive measures taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): With the greater use of computers, a general increase in cases of cyber crimes has been noticed worldwide. In India also a similar trend has been observed.

(b): As per the data maintained by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the incidence of cyber crimes registered in States/UT under the Information Technology Act 2000 and Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections, during the year 2003, 2004 and 2005 are 471, 347 and 481 cases respectively and a total number of 1488 persons were arrested. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had registered 5 cases in the year 2005 and 2 cases in 2006, thereby showing a mixed trend.

(c): The Information Technology Act 2000 together with the Indian Penal Code provides legal framework for countering cyber crimes.

The Government has introduced Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2006 in the Parliament which inter alia provides for:

New Forms of crimes, like publishing of material containing sexually explicit act in electronic form, video voyeurism, breach of confidentiality and leakage of data by service providers, e- commerce frauds through impersonation commonly known as phishing, identity theft and offensive messages through communication service.

The Government has also conducted several awareness and training programmes on cyber laws and cyber crimes for Judicial Officers and Law Enforcement Agencies.

An existing investigation cell in CBI undertakes investigation of Cyber Crime cases apart from the Units set up by various State Police. CBI also acts as a nodal agency to train the State Police personnel who are dealing with the investigation of cyber crimes.

(d): Does not arise.